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Application No.: 10/509,557	)	Examiner: Abdul-Ali, Omar R.
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For: CONTROL DEVICE AND	)	Confirmation No.: 5886
METHOD, INFORMATION	)	
PROCESSING DEVICE AND	)	
METHOD, RECORDING MEDIUM,	)	
AND PROGRAM	)	

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the listed document on the attached PTO SB/08 Form. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination in the above-referenced application.

A copy of the listed foreign patent document is attached. A computer-generated English translation of Japanese Published Patent Application No. 2002-016990 is attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed document and indicate that it was considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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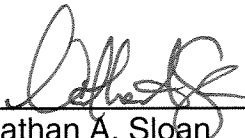
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Respectfully submitted,

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